

E. Jones Rink Takes Grand Challenge In Irma Farmers' Bonspiel

The three and one half days of the second annual farmers' bonspiel, held during the holiday week, was perhaps the outstanding sporting event of the curling club's history. Twenty-one rinks, composed entirely of farmers, farmers' wives, and farmers sons and daughters, played through forty-two games in the three events. Rinks entered under the following names emerged victorious:

Grand Challenge

1. Edgar Jones, 2. R. Burton.

Merchants

1. C. Smallwood, 2. G. Fischer.

Consolation

1. N. McMillan, 2. G. Reed.

The quality of the curling was amazingly good, particularly when it is remembered that many competing had never before thrown a curling rock. Interest and enthusiasm seemed to be undiminished at the close, and already requests have been received for a second farmers' bonspiel before spring.

The curling club executive wishes to express its gratification at the success of the event, and to assure everyone that it will do all in its power to promote a friendly and congenial spirit in this community. Special thanks are tendered to the following businesses and individuals for donations of generous prizes: Central Garage, McFarland and Co., Kirkman & McLean, Irma Co-op, G. Anquist, Imperial Lumber Co. and the Club Cafe; to the Ladies' Curling Club for feeding the hungry sportsmen; to Mr. C. Milne, who, as our one-man draw committee scheduled the games in a most satisfactory manner, and to Mr. W. Lawson, the caretaker, who worked long hours to keep the ice and the rink in condition.

NOTICE

Municipal District of Wainwright No. 31

TO ALL RATEPAYERS:

Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll for 1949 has been posted. Please note complaints must be made in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer not later than Friday, the 21st day of January, 1949 so that arrangements can be made to hear such complaints at the most convenient place within the Municipal District.

Please note and be governed accordingly.

CHARLES WILBRAHAM,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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BANK OF MONTREAL ASSETS OVER 2 BILLION

Montreal, Jan. 5.—For the first time on record, the assets of the Bank of Montreal have passed the two billion dollar mark. According to the government statement of the chartered banks, the B of M on November 30 had total assets of \$2,069,544,949.16.

Over the past year a substantial factor in this rise has been the increase in notice, or savings, deposits in Canada, which have advanced from \$892,000,000 to \$994,000,000. Total deposits by the public in Canada now exceed \$1,650,000,000, the highest figure for any Canadian bank, and represent well over a million and a half deposit accounts.

Canada's first bank, the B of M, has just entered upon its 132nd year. Founded in 1817, when business was still commonly done by barter in the Canadian colonies, the bank opened its doors with a staff of seven. Today, more than 9,300 people work at 527 B of M branches in Canada and Newfoundland and at the bank's offices in Great Britain and the United States.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear Husband and father, Thomas Brooks who passed away, January 6th, 1946.
"Three years have passed, dear Tom,
Since you were called away.
But in our hearts who loved you best,
Your memory lingers on."
—Wife Allie and children Audrey and Shirley.

Northern Nuggets

A shower was held recently at the home of Mrs. Percy Millar for Miss Allison Rome, former supervisor of the Albert school who has resigned her position because she plans to be married shortly and make her home at the coast. All her friends of the Albert district join in wishing Miss Rome every happiness.

Mr. Harry Lewin has been appointed the new school supervisor of Albert and commenced his duties this week.

Congratulations go to Edgar Jones, Allan Larson, Raymond Ramsay and Clare Lukens who composed the farmers' rink which won the Grand Challenge in the recent Farmers' Bonspiel at Irma.

Among those who spent the holidays at Albert were David and Frances Bars, Albert and Edith Jones and Mrs. David Smith.

CALL TO ACTION

The disparity between the number of votes cast for and against a beer license on November 24th (as compared with the relative number of two and a half years ago) showed all too plainly in which direction temperance sentiment is drifting in Irma.

Shall we let this matter just drift?

Or shall we bear in mind that it is the configuration of the Bay of Fundy that causes its tides to rise so high?

If we heed the Ocean of Truth battered against the rock of prejudice and ignorance we beverage school we may find ways of resistance to its use.

To strengthen the building of factual sentiment, the (local) W.C.T.U. has prepared a special program in keeping with the principles of the organization for its next meeting, January 15th, at 2:30.

Come and lend an ear to the discussions on the following topics:

1. Temperance Training in Home, School and Church.
2. Beverage Alcohol and Health
3. Connection between Alcohol Drinking and Highway Accidents
4. Alcohol and Crime.

5. Points of Law in Alberta Act.

—Nancy O. Parke.

At the Churches

ST. MARY'S CHURCH NOTES
Service of Evensong will be held in St. Mary's Church on Sunday, January 9th at 2:30 p.m.

IRMA GOSPEL MISSION

Services for week Dec. 8 - 14th.

SUNDAY

10:45—Sunday school, classes for all.

11:45—Morning worship service.

WEDNESDAY

Mid-week prayer meeting.

FRIDAY, Dec. 14th

Young People's meeting at home of Pastor.

We extend to you a hearty welcome to our services. Come and bring a friend.

Pastor—Geo. E. Warnock.

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13,14.

IRMA UNITED CHURCH

The Roseberry service will be held at the Younker Bros. home at 3 p.m.

Irma Sunday School—11 a.m.

Worship Service—7:30 p.m.

A cordial invitation to all.

The Young People will meet in the church on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Isaiah 60:1.

"We want to balance the practical with the cultural; to teach the child not only to make a living but also how to live." —Hon. George Drew.

Easterly Echoes

Mr. Norman Willerton expected to be home from the Wainwright hospital in time for New Year's Day.

Mr. George Worthing Jr. had the misfortune to break his leg in a scuffle with another boy.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fenton received congratulations on the occasion of their fifty-second wedding anniversary December 29th.

The district wishes Mr. Art Kleinmeyer good luck at the auto bonspiel at Nipawin, Sask. We note he is playing third on the Billy Rose rink from Sedgewick.

Home for the holidays from Edmonton were Miss Joy Enger and Mr. Keith Wakefield and from Wainwright Miss Margaret Steele.

Miss Anne Pascha spent a short time in the city.

Miss Elfrida Fenton, student nurse at Lamont Hospital, spent a few days at her home here.

The sympathy of the district goes to Mr. James Fenton in the loss of his eldest sister, Mrs. E. W. Armstrong who passed away suddenly at her home in Edmonton on January 3rd. Mrs. Armstrong was an early resident of the Irma district having homesteaded with her husband on the farm now owned by J. W. Bell. Mr. and Mrs. James Fenton left for Edmonton on Tuesday.

Mr. Eldon Fenton left Wednesday to attend the funeral of his aunt in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Einar Enger and family, Roy, Susie and Bobbie of Edmonton with Mrs. Bertha Enger were visitors with relatives here on the 29th and 30th. They reported very little snow in the city. Guess we have more than our share this time.

The regular meeting of the Battle River W. will be at the home of Mrs. W. Sanders on Tuesday, January 11th at 2:30 p.m. The program to be taken by Mrs. H. Morse, draw Mrs. W. Patterson and hostesses Mrs. W. Sanders and Mrs. H. Barton. Roll call—New Year's resolution.

Congratulations for wins in the Farmers' Bonspiel go to the J. Burton rink, the personnel being Messrs. Dick McRoberts, Joe Burton, Don Burton and Ted Thurston also Mr. Eldon Fenton was a member of the winning Smallwood rink. We doubt if any green players can be found in the district another year as this year, Mr. A. Cook has three women on his rink namely, Mrs. Cook, Kate and Irene Younker and Mr. M. Enger had his wife and family for a rink.

Mrs. Allen McFarland is a patient in the Wainwright hospital recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

"When you reach voting age, it is essential that you be well informed if you want to elect the representatives who are best qualified to administer your municipality." —S. Leonard Belaire.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
The hero of this story is one of our Irma business men. On the morning of December 25th, he with his wife and twin sons, started off in his light delivery through the snow piled roads in the direction of the home of his mother-in-law, who resides 13 miles north of here and is a cook par excellence.

He had hardly begun the long journey when there appeared on the road ahead, a small and aged truck going in the same direction but at a rate of locomotion much more suited to its years.

The ancient truck was also making considerable noise so that our hero was not able to draw the driver's attention to the fact that he would like to pass.

But our enterprising Irmaite was not to be delayed. He thought of the dinner awaiting him and his wife sharpened with his appetite. Stopping his own vehicle he ran after and caught the truck ahead.

Climbing into the box he picked up a shovel and battered on the top of the cab until the astonished driver came to a halt and pulled over to let our hero go on to his dinner.

As we always said, "It's impossible to keep up with the Joneses".

Southern Sayings

Word was received from Mrs. Harry Solberg (nee Ann Wiese of Irma) now of Seattle, Wash., that Mr. and Mrs. Albert Glasgow and Jim Paul stopped in to see her on their way to the coast. Ann was married last fall and we are sorry for not having had it announced in our paper sooner.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill and family spent Xmas at Mrs. Harding's of Edmonton with their three daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wiese spent Christmas in the city with their daughter Amy of Grand Prairie.

Miss Isabella Jackson, who was home from Wainwright for Xmas, spent a few days in the city.

Mrs. J. Jackson and family spent Xmas at the F. T. Thurston home north of Irma and will spend New Year's at J. Dunbar's home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Cairns has relatives from Wetaskiwin visiting them this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Syd Johnston and Phyllis spent Xmas in Edmonton with their two sons and their families.

Ed Veer from Saskatchewan is back visiting friends and relatives in the district for awhile.

Eddie Jackson had the misfortune of losing his gold tooth and getting a big lip during a hockey game in Wainwright last week.

Misses Violet and Rose Funk of Vancouver visited their sister, Mrs. Ed Ewert and other relatives over the holidays.

Miss Muriel Hill of Edmonton spent New Year's with her folks Mr. and Mrs. F. Hill and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Reber and family of Rosalind, Mr. and Mrs. George Szake and family of Hardisty, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Setter's.

With the heavy snow fall and wind the roads are quite heavy again but are still passable.

We wish to extend our best wishes for a much brighter and happy new year to all our readers.

Community Cook Book

A UNIQUE PUDDING
4 eggs
1 cup granulated sugar.
1 cup corn meal.
Beat the butter (size of walnut).
Lump of eggs; blend in with them sugar, corn meal and melted butter.
Bake in moderate oven till a nice brown.
Serve with sweet cream (either beaten or not) or your favorite fruit syrup.
—Nancy O. Parke.

NOTICE
Preparation of Assessment Roll 1949
Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61

Notice is hereby given that the assessment of the previous year has been adopted under the provisions of The Assessment Act, and that the assessment roll of the said municipality has been duly prepared, so that if any person thinks any property has been wrongfully assessed, or assessed too high, or too low, or that his name or the name of any other person has been wrongfully entered upon or omitted from the roll, 21st day of January 1949 notify the secretary-treasurer in writing of the particulars and grounds of his complaint.

Dated at Wainwright, this 1st day of January, 1949.
CHAS. WILBRAHAM,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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Obituary

MRS. THELMA WATT BARKER

On January 2nd, Mrs. Thelma Watt Barker, beloved wife of Clayton M. Barker of Kinsella, Alberta. She is survived by her husband; two sons, Robert and Jack, both of Kinsella, Alta.; three daughters, Mrs. George Klontz of Viding, Alta.; Verna and Audrey, both of Kinsella, Alta.; her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mawson of Verna, Alta.; five brothers, Arnold Watt of Cold Lake, Alta.; Gordon Watt of Entrance, Alta.; Ronald Mawson of Red Lake, Alta.; Harold Mawson and Horace Mawson, both of Edmonton, Alta. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Howard & McBride's chapel. Rev. Dr. W. T. Young will officiate and interment will take place in the Beechmount cemetery. Howard & McBride Funeral Service.

Editor's Impressions Of Fr. McGrane

The following clipping from the Killam newspaper tells of a trip to Lac la Biche taken by the editor Mr. T. W. Pue. This portion tells of his impressions of our old friend, Father McGrane, who is well remembered at Irma. This clipping was sent to us by Mrs. R. Dawson.

Lac la Biche is known elsewhere principally because of one personality, the most versatile man I have ever met, Father McGrane, parish priest.

Some how or other, it doesn't seem strange that this area so rich in so many different natural resources (fur trade, trapping, ranching, fishing, lumbering, hunting, boating, grain farming, grass seed, etc., etc.) should have Father McGrane. He is not only versatile—but he is an expert in any field his enquiring mind and winning personality has delved into.

As a young man he learned the printing business and is a qualified journeyman in the Typographical Union. He went into merchandising and for some time successfully handled the advertising and sales promotion of a large department store in Edmonton.

At the age of 27 he decided to study for the priesthood and as the only full-time minister of any faith in Lac la Biche is kept busy keeping up with his church duties.

He organized the Northern Herald in 1941 and was forced to give up this work when the requirements of the paper became more than any other printing, doing nothing else, would carry on with alone.

If Father McGrane tells you he had a nice talk with a friend in Belgium Congo this morning and that last night he was in touch with New Zealand or England, it simply means he was "getting out" with his high-powered short wave sending and receiving station. He is a fully qualified wireless operator.

Would you like to be an expert on navigation? Command a cadet corps and hold weekly parades for your young sailors? Would you like to have a ship commissioned in the Canadian Navy? Well, Lieut.-Commander Fr. McGrane can tell you all that works.

Have you ever had the urge to operate a theatre. Show pictures three times a week? Theatre manager McGrane saw the need of good, wholesome entertainment for the rising population of Lac la Biche, built a parish hall in which to show pictures and shows three times a week. He is projectionist.

Have you ever envied the magician who could make a quarter disappear into thin air—and then reappear from almost anywhere? Fr. McGrane astounds the young fry and entertains the hoary headed with a batch of tricks in his exclusive stage production "FU LING-YU." (It took me three days to discover this was a witty way to say "I'm fooling you." You see Fr. McGrane has a certificate to prove he's a qualified magician.)

Perhaps in a fleeting moment of fancy you imagine yourself an edi-

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stewart of Edmonton spent New Year's at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Stockton. Vivian was also home, returning to Wainwright Monday.

Mrs. E. W. Mills returned home this week accompanied by Erna, Andrew and Bobby who have been holidaying with their Grandmother Mrs. R. D. Smallwood and other relatives at Irma.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sharkey and small son spent Christmas in Edmonton with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Daley who returned with them to spend the New Year week-end here.

Mrs. Ron Thurston underwent an appendix operation at the Wainwright hospital last week.

The L.O.B.A. are sponsoring a military whist on January 8th.

Mr. J. A. Bell of Hardisty is planning on taking a trip to Edmonton around January 15th. Mr. Bell is one of the curlers selected to play against the Scottish rinks and should have a "braw tale to tell when he returns.

The Ladies' Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Long on Thursday, January 13th at 3 p.m. Devotionals, Mrs. McFarland, Hostesses, Mrs. McKay and Mrs. R. Smallwood.

The Irma Cal Club will hold a meeting in Hedley's hall on Saturday, January 8th at 2 p.m. Mr. Roblee will have some motion pictures to show dealing with calf club activities.

We would like to express our thanks for the many cards and letters received this Christmas along with the ever welcome subscription renewals.

Mr. George Manners, who wrote a long and interesting letter wishes to be remembered to his many friends here. He is well and has had a very enjoyable Christmas season. He would like to express his thanks to the Irma W.I. Buffalo Coulee W.I. and all others who so kindly remembered him. Mr. Manners is always glad of a visit from any of his Irma friends who can find a few minutes to stop off and chat with him.

Tenders Wanted
Wainwright School Division No. 32

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon on January 19th, 1949, for the sale of the old school buildings at the Metropolitan School No. 1737. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

OLIVER G. GRIFFITHS,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Wainwright School Div. No. 32

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"No other department reaches more intimately into peoples lives than the postal department." —Baden J. Farrell.

"It seems unfair to associate the CBC in any way with the dropping of a church service broadcast when it had nothing to do with its broadcast or its cancellation." —A. D. Dunton.

"It is our belief that the State is created to protect the life and liberty of its citizens, not that the citizens are but the tools of an all-powerful dictatorship." —U.S. Ambassador Laurence Steinhardt.

for or reporter. Fr. McGrane is Editor McGrane when he publishes a weekly newspaper of the Cadets Monthly Log paper or when he begins publication of the new monthly parocian paper. You too could serve your community by writing up interesting items of news about your town and having them published in outside papers as Father McGrane has done.

I didn't mention Fr. McGrane's ability as a platform speaker, his leadership in the Legion, his love of nature and the northern lakeport town in which he lives. But underneath everyone of his many accomplishments you will find the fundamental qualification of a sincere love for people. I know that this over-powering quality influenced him to become what he most wanted to be—a servant and minister to the spiritual needs of the people, a parish priest.

Standards Of Nutrition

ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS given by authorities on the subject, nutrition standards are today undeniably low in many parts of the world. In Europe it is reported that undernourishment is increasing among millions of children in spite of efforts which have been made by the United Nations International Emergency Children's Fund and other such projects to provide for them as well as it is possible to at this time. Among the children of Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Greece and Italy medical doctors have found what they report as "a picture of stunted growth, chronic undernourishment, defective hygiene and of diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis and parasitic infection." As a result of this chronic malnutrition which affects not only the children but all age groups, workers are inefficient and food production per person there is ten per cent. lower than in the more advanced countries.

Conditions In West Improved

From Western Europe comes a somewhat more encouraging report. There, it is said, nutrition standards have risen during the past six months due to good weather, increased food production and increased supplies of farm machinery and fertilizers which have been sent under the Marshall Plan. With this help the daily diet in many parts of Western Europe has reached 2,500 calories, as compared to 2,500 at this time last year and 2,800, which was the standard in that part of the world before the war. It is reported that bread consumption rose by 19 per cent. in 1948, the greatest increase having been shown in France and Belgium. While bread supplies have increased, meat has become more scarce, and the people of Western Europe will have about 35 per cent. less meat for another year, than they had before the war.

Problems Here Less Serious

While in Canada there have been no such problems as these, nutrition standards among the people of this country are not as uniformly high as could be desired. Since shortages of food are on the part of many as to faulty diets here, the blame is laid to ignorance. Recently rising living costs have also been a factor in lowering the quality and the amount of food consumed by many Canadian families. During the early part of the war, it was estimated that 25 per cent. of the families of wage earners could not afford to purchase adequate amounts of food. Wages have risen since that time, but prices have also advanced considerably, so it is doubtful whether this situation has changed greatly. At the recent Dominion Provincial agricultural conference in Ottawa, farmers were warned that the war demand for food is now over and that they must face the prospect of receiving lower prices for "surplus" products. With inadequate standards of nutrition in many parts of the world, including our own country, it would be a great benefit to many if a way could be found to overcome economic barriers and other causes of the accumulations of surplus farm products. If all that is produced could find its way to those places where it is needed, nutrition standards would rise and farmers would remain prosperous.



New Restriction Imposed On Poultry Imports

OTTAWA. — The government announced it has restricted imports of live poultry and hatching eggs in an attempt to keep Canada free of the disease, a virus ailment often fatal to poultry.

Live chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks or other birds, fowl or other birds raised under domestic conditions will be prohibited entry unless their import is accompanied by proper veterinary certificates.

The agriculture department, making the prohibition under authority of the animal contagious diseases act, said a certificate that the birds are free of the disease must be signed by a veterinarian of the national government of the country of origin.

The order also applies to birds which may have been exposed to the respiratory infection.

Live poultry from the United States must be accompanied by a certificate either signed or endorsed by a veterinarian of the U.S. bureau of animal industry.

The agriculture department said similar certificates will be required for the import of hatching eggs from all kinds of poultry. Official veterinarians of the exporting countries will be required to certify that the eggs originate from flocks free of Newcastle disease.

Promoting Sale Of Rabbit Meat

VANCOUVER. — Meat-hungry Canadians from Vancouver to Halifax may soon get acquainted with a man who wants to substitute a medium-priced morsel for off-the-budget steaks.

He is K. V. Collier, president of the New South Wales Furled Skins Merchants Association, who is conducting a one-man campaign to promote the sale of rabbit meat in Canada.

"A rabbit a day keeps the doctor away and it's a lot cheaper than roast beef," he says, eager to export whole, skinned, frozen rabbits in exchange for much-needed Canadian dollars.

NO MORE SUNSPOTS FOR SEVERAL YEARS

WASHINGTON. — Sunspots won't have much effect on your radio or the weather in the next several years.

The peak of the current cycle of sunspots occurred in 1947. The U.S. naval observatory said, and "we can expect to see fewer spots during the next several years."

The observatory said one day this year only two small groups of sunspots were seen. But they will be at their peak again, it added, in about 10 years.

Mining In Manitoba Sets New Record

WINNIPEG. — Mining development in Manitoba made great strides during the year, with two new mines brought into production and construction of a mill for extracting gold within a month of completion.

As in 1947, non-ferrous metals were the most sought after. Total claims recorded during the first 11 months of 1948 were 2,943.

A preliminary estimate shows the value of mineral production in Manitoba this year at \$24,700,000, represented by \$18,500,000 in metals and \$6,200,000 in non-metals. Last year's production was valued at \$18,236,765 — \$12,412,759 in metals and \$5,824,004 in non-metals.

One of the new mines brought into operation was the Ogama-Rockland gold mine north of Long Lake in the Rice Lake mining division.

Last July 3 the company formally achieved production with the pouring of a gold bar valued at \$37,500. Second of the new operations was the Cuprus mine, eight miles southeast of Flin Flon, Man., between White and Schist Lakes. It is a producer of copper and zinc.

One of the leading developments this year was the near-completion of a 2,000-ton flotation-cyanidation mill by the Howe Sound Exploration Company Ltd., for the recovery of gold from a large deposit at Snow Lake in northern Manitoba.

NEW MARKET FOR SUNFLOWER SEED OIL

WINNIPEG. — Lifting of the ban on sale and manufacture of oleomargarine in Canada highlights a little publicized Manitoba product — sunflower seed oil.

This year commercial production of sunflower seed was limited to Manitoba. Sunflower seed oil is an ingredient which may be used in the manufacture of margarine. At present, all fats and oils are under international control, with Canadian imports on a quota.

This year commercial production of sunflower seed amounted to 22,400,000 pounds, taken off 28,000 acres in southern Manitoba.

Processing of Manitoba sunflowers takes place in a co-operative plant at Altona, Manitoba, which annually handles the bulk of the crop.

Since 1945, larger amounts of land have been devoted to sunflower production every year. In that year, the acreage was 8,500 acres; in 1946 it jumped to 23,000 acres, while last year 20,000,000 pounds were grown on 25,000 acres.

The largest part of Manitoba's sunflower crop is grown in a 35 mile wide belt along the international boundary, in an area extending west from the Red River to Morden.

Freeze With Snow

TULSA, Okla. — Albert Lewis Freeze, 21, obtained a license recently to wed Wilma Lee Snow, 18.



MAGNIFICENT SPLENDOR—Once again the Prairies are enjoying plenty of snow, as this lovely winter scene shows hard-working shovellers clearing a path.—S.N.S. photo.

THE TILERS



Urges Greater Investment In Canada

MONTREAL.—Finance Minister Abbott suggested to investment dealers that Canada's industrial and economic power—steadily rolling forward—now presents two great challenges. These are:

1. Necessity for the mobilization of Canadian savings to serve greater industrial and economic development.
2. Promotion and financing of Canadian enterprise by Canadians to eliminate the need of United States investment, now costing Canadian industry roughly \$275,000,000 a year in interest and dividends.

Mr. Abbott told the Investment Dealers' Association of Canada that Canada is on the threshold of a new and more dynamic period in national development.

During his talk from Canada's "colossal" indebtedness to her post-war development of budgetary surpluses, Mr. Abbott made these things known:

1. Canada's exchange problems with the United States have taken a turn for the better. At Sept. 30, Canada had \$554,900,000 in exchange reserves, an increase of \$247,400,000 over the six-month period April 1-Sept. 30.
2. The Dominion's budgetary surplus for the first eight months of the current fiscal year now has risen to \$560,000,000, compared with \$575,000,000 for a similar period last year.
3. Monthly increases in budgetary surpluses are expected to continue until next March when the fiscal year ends, but they will not total the \$1,000,000,000 some people may have expected.

Mr. Abbott said that despite a sound financial policy, Canada ended the Second World War with a debt "which was colossal for a country of 12,000,000 people."

Height of Canada's indebtedness was reached Dec. 31, 1945, when the total unmatured funded debt amounted to "no less than \$16,887,000,000."

NEW MENU PLAN BY HOSPITAL A SUCCESS

VANCOUVER. — Something new has been added to the Vancouver General hospital—printed menus from which the patients can select their meals. Patients like it and the hospital finds that it cuts waste.

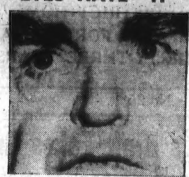
PLANS SPORTS FIELD

LIBAU, Man. — Plans are under construction by the Libau Community club to acquire 10 acres of land on the outskirts of the village to be developed as a baseball ground. A bazaar held recently netted \$328, a portion of which will be used to build a skating rink this year.

APPROPRIATE NAME

Chinese coolies who helped build bases for the B-29 Superfortresses, have their own name for the Jeep. Their written characters, translated literally, call a Jeep, "Four wheels with 1,000 uses."

EYES HAVE "IT"



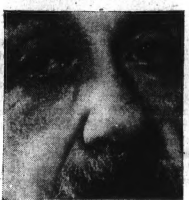
JOHN L. LEWIS



PRINCESS MARGARET ROSE



GEORGE BERNARD SHAW



ALBERT EINSTEIN



ELIZABETH SCOTT

(S.N.S. photos) A Hollywood optometrist, who has 20-20 vision himself, thinks the eye is the prettiest part of a human body. Dr. Herbert Marshutz says the eye is the most expressive portion of the anatomy. He selected the five most expressive pairs of peepers in the world.

1. John L. Lewis, whose "piercing eyes show limitless determination and strength, affording him a powerful appearance which has won countless personal victories."

2. Princess Margaret Rose, whose "dancing eyes are the key to a happy mind and possibly one day may be a major influence on the ministers of the realm."

3. George Bernard Shaw, "whose octagonal eyes retain the flash of youth and hypnotize the listener, even taking attention away from Shaw's beard."

4. Albert Einstein, "whose sad, puppy-dog eyes are the tip-off to what he believes is deep humanitarianism combined with genius in a scientist's make-up."

5. Elizabeth Scott, "an actress whose hazel eyes are capable of influencing men any way she wants." Dr. Marshutz said Miss Scott's orbs "are the most unusual" of any screen siren he has seen.

THIS IS ONE WAY TO GET ATTENTION

ST. LOUIS.—Miss Rula Rose Percival was determined to have it out with her boy friend even though he was deliberately avoiding her. To police who caught her tampering with her friend's automobile, Miss Percival explained that she was letting the air out of the tires so he couldn't get away without talking to her.

—By Les Carroll



OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

"BRIDESMAID"

By J. A. CARROLL

STANDING there with my eyes closed, listening to the deep, solemn notes of the organ, I realized that the last time I had been in church had been a wedding too. My own. Now, when I opened my eyes I saw the bride coming down the aisle, a beautiful picture in white, Albert was waiting at the altar for her, smiling, his dark eyes adoring her.

I went back in my mind's eye to the events that had led up to the marriage. The Hanson girls, twins, of whom it was Joan, humorously referred to as the younger, that Albert had been in love with.

It wasn't a case of just falling in love. I had known Albert since we had gone to school together for the first time when we were six years old. Joan had been sort of a growth on him—his affectionate need of her deepened throughout the years of public school, high school and college. And he was good-looking, powerfully built, though rather short, but just as attractive to the unfair sex as Joan was to the men. I was puzzled as to why the affair hadn't culminated happily much sooner—but then I didn't know Joan very well.

Albert explained it to me. "She has," he said in his low, quiet voice, "what they call a sister complex. Frances is her twin, but somehow, all through life, she has taken the initiative in whatever they did. Now—Joan stands still, when Frances isn't leading her somewhere."

"Yes, but what's that got to do with you?"

"This. Remember, when Frances was going around with that football key player back in high school?"

"Yes, but—"

"And don't you remember how Joan tagged around after them like a dog on a leash?"

I began looking back through the pages of memory and I did see a couple of scenes in which Joan had looked like the person who makes a couple a crowd. I nodded.

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"And remember at graduation—when Frances was moon-struck with our French teacher—the one with the Hitler moustache?"

"Yes," I answered. "I can see as plain as day now—Joan going up on that platform and practically fainting away when he gave her diploma to her. I remember wondering at the dopey look on her face at the time."

Albert pursed his lips, nodding his head in agreement. He shrugged, pushed his hands deeper in his pockets. "You see?"

"But, Lord, man, is this going on? Will it always be—"

"That," he said, "I am going to find out." He stood up and walked out on the club verandah with me.

He pointed out to one of the nearer tennis courts, where a young man with a very bright, flashing smile was playing doubles with the Hanson girls. "Frances' latest flame," he said. "Tennis star. You can see Joan's eyes following him from here."

It was true. Joan had lovely, deep black eyes—you could see them practically bulging from the young man, Albert tossed up a racket, began to stroll toward the practice boards.

"I'm going to polish up my backhand, then I'm going to try and take this fellow in the tournament—and try to beat the dickens out of him every time that Joan's around."

I sat in the shade, watching him pound that ball around for three hours that afternoon. Day after day, day after day, he played tennis as he never had before. He lost ten pounds, became lean and tanned and, and his game had a dazzle to it that would have frightened a Davis Cup man. The day of the tournament grew closer, and I could feel myself growing more tense, wondering what the outcome of it was going to be—I didn't think that the boy friend of Frances had a chance, but how would Albert's victory affect Joan?

I was with Albert, the night before the tournament, when the bad news fell. Frances herself told us. I can remember her face, serious, dusky and curved in the evening shadow. She had fallen out of love with the tennis player.

"There was a silence, Albert asked in a strained voice, 'Does—does Joan know about it?'"

Frances nodded, her voice low and sweet (there was the girl I could have fallen in love with). "Oh, yes. She thinks he's rather juvenile too, now."

I had a hard job to keep from howling with laughter at the look on Albert's face then; but I must admit it didn't change his mind any. Albert always kept right after something until he got it. Patiently, he waited his time, and Frances began to go around with a poet. He came to my room, muttering, clutching his head; Albert was beginning to feel the strain. But I helped him construct Shakespearean sonnets, and, trickily, pleading little things with interlocking verses—because Joan was now dreaming and uttering little sighs all the time. But just when Albert thought that his verse and flowers and tender words were getting somewhere, Frances went and picked a new companion. A wrestler.

RECIPES

ANGEL-FOOD CAKE

1 cup sifted cake flour
1½ cups fine granulated sugar
1½ cups egg whites
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon almond extract
Place measured egg whites in large mixing bowl and add salt. Sift and measure flour and place it in sugar; add sugar and sift flour in sugar; add at least 3 times, set aside.

Beat egg whites until they are thick and light, then add cream of tartar and flavoring; continue to beat hard until mixture will stand in peaks.

Gradually fold in flour and sugar mixture, sifting about ¼ of the amount in at a time. Work carefully and quickly, folding only long enough to have egg white mixture and flour, sugar mixture thoroughly blended.

Turn at once into a tube pan that has been slightly floured, with all surplus flour removed. Place cake in oven at 300° deg. F. and bake for 1 hour and 10 minutes. Remove and invert on cake rack to cool.

TESTS FOUND PRAIRIE GOPHERS TOUGH HOMEBRE

SASKATOON. — Experiments at the University of Saskatchewan show the prairie gopher is a tough hombre. A seven-month diet of egg yolks was expected to produce arteriosclerosis and quick death. Rabbits and hamsters died and the anatomy department nearly went broke, but the gophers lived on.

The Empire State building in New York cost \$50,000,000.

It Was Not A Case Of Failing In Love; It Being A Sort Of A Growth

"Never," said Albert grimly, rolling up his sleeves and enrolling at the Y.M.C.A. "will it be said I am a quitter?"

"Wait," I said. "This way you're getting nowhere. Why not explain things to Frances—get her to pretend to fall for you, and when Joan gets into the proper mood, turn about quickly and sweep her off her feet?"

Albert did it. Never have I seen a scheme work out so beautifully. Albert and Frances, everywhere together. Albert as the poet madly devoted to Frances. People began to remark what a grand couple they made. Wasn't Albert divine looking?

Joan began to think so. The old, familiar "love-look" began to appear in her face, and I judged that it wouldn't be long till Albert took advantage. I had to go out of town for a couple of weeks; when I returned, the wedding was already arranged, everything set for the following day.

The organ seemed to grow a little more solemn. I looked at Joan's face, and realized that if she had never loved Albert before, she did now. She was almost crying.

Then I looked up toward the altar, where the minister was just finishing the ceremony. The bride and groom turned toward each other, smiling happily, and kissed. Frances and Albert certainly made a grand couple. (Copyright Western Newspaper Syndicate)

Danger Lurks In Shovelling Snow

WINNIPEG.—Danger lurks in every billboard for persons suffering from heart conditions.

A major snowstorm rarely passes without reports of someone aggravating an already weak heart by attempting to extricate a car from a snowdrift or by shovelling snow.

Dr. H. Coppienger, superintendent of Winnipeg General hospital, offered this advice: "Everyone over 50, if he knows he has a heart condition or not, should be well advised not to attempt to dig his auto out of a snowdrift. A telephone call to a towing company will pay dividends in the long run."

Heart trouble, the doctor emphasized, is easily aggravated by hard work, and nothing is worse for the heart, especially when straining himself shovelling snow or attempting to push a stalled auto.

High Quality Bacon Pig Being Produced

REGINA.—Chock-full of high quality bacon and a good thriver, a new porker has made its appearance in Saskatchewan, to the delight of hog breeders.

They feel that the newcomer, imported last year from Prince Edward Island, and an offshoot of the Yorkshire breed, may have a great future in the province.

The pig's main characteristic is a long snout. Hog breeders say the new type is not susceptible to rhinitis, a swine disease, as most breeds. The extra-long snout is the reason for this, experts say.

About 120 hogs of the new breed were brought to the northern part of the province last year and sold to farmers through provincial agricultural representative service. Smaller groups have been sold since then.

FARM PRODUCE PRICES DROPPING

OTTAWA.—Prices for some farm products are dropping, the Bureau of Statistics reported. In October, for the second successive month, the index for farm prices dropped two points to 251.1. Lower prices for livestock and potatoes more than offset gains for dairy products, poultry and eggs.

PEGGY

MAD! COURSE I'M MAD! PEGGY CAN SWOON OVER IAN JOHNSON AND CECILY PECK. OKAY! BUT NOW SHE'S READING BOOKS!

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(S.N.S. photo)

—The Real Fun Of Winter

Western Briefs

NELSON, B.C.—H. W. Herridge, M.P., for Kootenay West, favors a ban on the sale of crime comics. In a letter to Rev. W. J. Silverwood, Nelson minister who has forwarded petitions to Victoria and to Federal authorities by Nelson citizens seeking such a ban, he wrote that he would do everything he could "to further the cause at Ottawa."

MOOSEBORN, Sask.—Awarding of prizes for destruction of crows and magpies in the Moosehorn district, resulted as follows: 1. Harvey Treman, Woodlands district. 2. Lloyd Graham, Stanley district. 3. Norma Buckland, Woodlands district.

WINNIPEG.—Permanent license plates will be issued for motor vehicles in 1950 under a plan awaiting final approval by the Manitoba cabinet. Meantime current plates will be left on cars for 1949, owners being given a small aluminum "49" tag to cover the "48" figure.

ELMA, Man.—Mrs. Eugenia Griener, who once painted a portrait of a Polish president and now owns a studio in his castle as a reward, is working as a D.P. domestic. She washes dishes and scrubs floors in the Roman Catholic rectory, and paints in her spare time. Two paintings she has done in Canada are on display at the Winnipeg art gallery.

EDMONTON.—Edmonton's traffic officers really take their job seriously—they play no favorites. Mayor Harry Ainlay paid a \$2 fine for infraction of parking regulations. The mayor was undoubtedly thinking of something else when he parked his automobile because he was given two tickets in one day.

CALGARY, Alta.—The Calgary Exhibition and Stampede has ended its 1948 season with a net income of more than \$100,000—second highest in history—according to the 63rd annual report.

Studies "Uniform" Family Allowances

OTTAWA.—The Federal Health Department has considered possibility of making family allowances uniform for all children, regardless of the size of the family, but the government has not yet decided whether the Allowances Act should be amended at the coming session. Under the present act, allowances are reduced for the fifth and subsequent children.

At last March 31, there were 97,602 families in Canada with five or more children.

RIGHTS FOR ORIENTALS

VICTORIA.—Equal opportunity for civil service jobs for Canadians of Oriental origin was urged on the British Columbia government in a resolution endorsed by the Vancouver Island Teachers' Association.

Collecting Deer Antlers A Hobby

YORKTON, Sask.—As far as H. R. Zacker is concerned collecting deer antlers is a hobby has its points.

Mr. Zacker started off four years ago when he picked up a set of deer horns on a walk through a bluff. He took them home, polished them up and mounted them as an ornament for his study. Now he has close to 100 sets of showy deer headgear.

Since the first find, he and his wife have spent holidays and every Saturday afternoon "when the mosquitoes weren't too thick," looking for the antlers.

And an average day means a hike of 12 miles Mr. Zacker says, meaning it's hard to drag one foot after the other on the home trek. A good day will produce four to six antlers, with luck some of them being pairs. Hunting horns begins after deer begin shedding their antlers in preparation for a new set. Mr. Zacker has mounted some deer heads and used deer legs for stool and gun racks.

Announces Farm Reclamation Plan

REGINA.—A whopping piece of conservation, reclamation and development may be in store for Saskatchewan's farm lands if present agriculture department plans go through.

Pending approval by the C.C.F. government, a programme of face-lifting and scraping designed to improve the province's main natural resource has been disclosed by department officials. It may cost \$1,000,000 annually.

The proposed project would bolster the dominion-sponsored prairie farm rehabilitation act which in the last 10 years has spent well over \$20,000,000 on the prairies in regrassing land, constructing community pastures and establishing dams and dugouts for farmers.

Experimental work in combining irrigation, pasture construction and soil control has been carried on as well.

DOLLAR A SMILE

VANCOUVER.—Members of the Optimist's Club set out in Vancouver's business section to present a dollar to every person wearing a smile, and found very few outwardly happy. Many who did smile backed away suspiciously when offered the dollar.

Remember The Birds

While we are arranging for our own meals, we should not forget the birds. They can be made happy with very little. Even crumbs scattered are acceptable, though it is better to arrange a raised feeding-place, out of reach of cats.

Best of all is suet. Lumps strung on a wire, or nailed to a tree, will bring cheerful chirps from flocks of hungry birds during these cold winter months.

Food Contracts For 1949 Announced

At the closing session of the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference held in Ottawa, Right Hon. James G. Gardiner, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, announced the quantities and terms of the food agreements with Great Britain for 1949.

Subject in the case of bacon and cheese to the approval of the Economic Co-operation Administration, and by the Canadian Government to supply, the following will be provided:

Bacon: 150 million pounds.
Cheese: 50 million pounds.
Eggs: 1,533,000 cases (30 dozen to a case), or the equivalent in the form of dried whole egg or frozen whole egg.

Prices for the first two commodities are the same as those stipulated in the relative 1948 Agreements. For eggs, the prices are slightly lower. Mr. Gardiner gave additional particulars of these three new food contracts to the Conference.

In the calendar year 1949, the U.K. will buy 150,000,000 pounds of Canadian bacon at the rate of \$36 per hundred pounds for a Number One Sizable Wilshire sides. This price is unchanged from that of the contract negotiated a year ago for delivery of 150,000,000 pounds in 1948.

Next year's contract quantity will probably absorb all bacon available for export, he estimated. To make as sure as possible that the U.K. gets this bacon, export controls on pork products will be maintained with the provision that the U.K. will take delivery when it is available.

The new cheese contract is for an unchanged 50,000,000 pounds, at the same price as in 1948, which has been on the basis of 30 cents per pound, f.o.b. factory. There will be no requisitioning of cheese from factories in 1949, said Mr. Gardiner.

The 1949 egg agreement is for the equivalent of forty-six million dozen covering the eleven months period from February 1 to December 31. The adjusted volume figure of the previous agreement, covering the twelve months from February 1, 1948, to January 31, 1949, was for seventy-four million dozen.

Shipments in 1949 will be 19½ million dozen, at 30 cents per dozen, and tons of dried egg and four thousand tons of frozen egg.

While the new contract volume is below that of 1948, it is considered that, with some opening of other export markets in 1949 the quantity should be reasonably adequate to absorb the probable production in that year.

The 1949 prices will be 52½ cents per dozen for storage eggs; \$1.36 per pound for dried egg and 32½ cents per pound for frozen egg. 1948 prices have been 39½ cents per dozen for storage eggs; \$1.46 per pound for dried egg and 35 cents per pound for frozen egg. While the 1948 prices are slightly below those of 1948 it is expected that a major portion of the reduction can be met through economies in operating and processing costs and that the necessary reduction in egg prices paid to producers will be relatively small. Such reduction should be compensated for to a considerable extent by the partial removal of restrictions on export to other markets, said Mr. Gardiner.

IS BACKACHE JUST A SIGN OF AGE?

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—By Chuck Thurston

Viking Items

F. Viking's annual open bonspiel got away to a good start Monday evening with fourteen local rinks and ten visiting rinks entered. There are two rinks entered from Edmonton skipped by Dr. McBride and Mr. Beaton; two Vegreville rinks skipped by Messrs. Warren and Jeffries; Holden is represented by a rink skipped by Komarnisky; Daysland is here with Ben Brown as skip; Killam with Ben Brown as skip; Sedgewick with Mr. Cooper at the tee head, and Edgerton with Mr. Jackson throwing last rocks; and Kinsella. The weather has turned mild and the four sheets of ice are in good shape.

Victor and Carl Naslund left Tuesday to attend the Vermilion school of agriculture.

S. D. McLean, of Shelley, B.C., was a guest at the W. D. Murdoch home over the week-end.

All entries for the ladies' curling club amateur show scheduled for January 14th, must be in by January 10th.

Home for the holidays were Jo Ann, Marie and Boyda Slavik, Maynard Runyon, Mr. and Mrs. Eakot, Mr. and Mrs. M. Matwischuk, Misses Stella Hafso and Nellie Wollen, Miss Glenda Adams, Margaret and Marjorie Taylor, Miss Lillian Loveseith, Lindsay Thunell, Miss Isabel Weller, Miss Shirley Rollins, Don and Bill Rollins, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Montgomery, Miss Nabel Jim and Gordon Ash, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hardy, Ross Fitzmaurice, Mrs. C. M. Ross and Sten Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gallagher and Mr. and Mrs. Reed, and many others.

Guests at the M. Fitzmaurice home for the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay and family of Edgerton.

Among those attending the wedding of Miss Shirley Miller, daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. F. A. Miller,

and Mr. Rodney Knaut, at Camrose on Monday, December 27th, were Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hilliker, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Fitzmaurice, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Thunell, Miss Genevieve Hennessy, and Miss Francis Fitzmaurice.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Taylor spent Christmas in Edmonton at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Konchach.

Mac Anderson returned to Mill River Tuesday morning after spending the Christmas and New Year holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Anderson. He is employed with the Northern Development Drilling Company.

The Viking curling club will be well represented at the 'Nipawin, Sask., Auto bonspiel, which opens in that thriving town on Wednesday of this week. Vince Slavik is with the Bert Robertson rink of Edmonton, and Lloyd McIntyre and Cecil Runyon are members of the Billy Rose rink of Sedgewick. The boys will be shooting for four new shiny 1949 Hudson cars. This is the third annual auto spiel held at Nipawin and is billed as "the world series of curling."

Miss Agnes Thompson, student at Camrose college, was home for the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Ed Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Chiswell and son Lee spent Christmas with friends at Lacombe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Larson and son Wayne, spent Christmas and New Year's at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Anderson.

Mrs. R. J. Darrah of Edmonton visited at the home of her son Gerald Darrah during the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kjelland were home from Grande Prairie to enjoy Christmas at the home of Harold's parents.

Locals

Leo and Olive Thurston were home for Christmas and New Year's.

Mrs. Haugstad is an Edmonton visitor this week.

As far as the weather is concerned, 1949 is away to a good start beginning with blizzard conditions, a drop in temperature to around the 40 degree below mark and then a sudden rise of 60 degrees in the next twenty four hours time. All these fancy changes in the first four days. What will the remaining 361 have to show us? Mr. and Mrs. Art McClure and Ardith spent New Year's at Loughheed.

Miss Marian Longmire was an Irma visitor last week-end.

Miss Marjorie Chase spent the holiday season with her mother here before returning to Winnipeg where she will resume her Home Economics course.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmermon Jr. and Mr. P. F. Charter were New Year's visitors with the Simmermon and Charter families here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Barber and family spent several days last week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Barber and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Prosser.

Mrs. P. Webber of Duncan, B.C., was a visitor at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. Anquist. Mrs. Webber says she prefers our prairie weather. And after the way it showed off while she was here too!

The many friends of Mr. Norman Willard will be very glad to know that he was able to leave the Wainwright hospital on Friday last and that he is feeling fairly well in spite of his long and trying illness.

The sympathies of Irma and district go out to Mrs. C. Savard on the death of her father, Mr. La Croix.

The Annual Open Bonspiel of the Irma Curling Club will start on Tuesday, January 18th. All entries must be in the hands of Mr. C. Milne by 12 noon, Monday, January 17th. The Ladies' Curling Club will appreciate donations, particularly of pies for the lunch bar.

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SEEDTIME and HARVEST

By D. M. McLEAN

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Youth and Agriculture

The Junior Farm Club program in Canada is exerting an important influence on the development of our greatest natural resource—our rural youth. Club work teaches a greater appreciation of rural life, of improved agricultural and home-making practices, and of the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship.

The first club was organized at Roland, Manitoba, in 1911. Under the Agricultural Extension Service of the several provinces the movement has expanded until, in 1948, there were 3,484 organized clubs with an active membership of 45,297. The Canadian Council on Boys' and Girls' Club work seeks to co-ordinate and develop the program across the country.

Some Interesting Facts. • The Prairie Provinces are serving, through club activities, a higher proportion of the rural youth of club age than any other part of Canada. With over a million young people of club age on farms in Canada only 1 out of every 26 was enrolled in the 1948 club program. • In Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, however, the ratio last year was 1 out of 8, 1 out of 10, and 1 out of 14, respectively. Much remains to be accomplished before we equal the record of the U.S.A. where 1 out of every 4 eligible farm boys and girls is enrolled in Junior work (the 4-H Club program).

"Learning to Do by Doing". This basic principle of club work involves good local leadership, supplemented with an interesting program and adequate study material. More local leaders, prepared to give efficient and devoted service are needed if the program is to expand as it should. The trend in recent years toward district achievement days, district rallies, and district leadership conferences should make it possible to service an expanded program. • The Extension Services across the country deserve a large measure of support and co-operation from all interested agencies.

Recognizing the great contribution that Junior Farm Club work is making in the training of our rural youth, and in the future of Canadian agriculture, the Line-Elevator Companies sponsoring this Department will continue to lend their fullest support.

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We're free because our economic system is free. Without economic freedom, all other freedoms die... civil rights lose their meaning... the standard of living is lowered... the citizen becomes the puppet of the State.

So long as we nurture and defend our economic freedom, we can safeguard all our freedoms... we can beat off every assault upon our liberties and our individual dignity.

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